

The real story. Japanese American History told by those who lived it.

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Project Omoide Receives \$2,000 Anonymous Donation

Project Omoide received an anonymous \$2,000 donation with a matching donation from another community member. Japanese American Living Legacy created Project Omoide as the Japan-based division of the organization. Mr. Takamichi Go manages the foreign office and works with his advisors as Executive Director. Go handles all of the oral histories, conducts presentations, leads educational seminars and works with the Japanese Oral History Association (JOHA). Currently, Project Omoide is translating Dr. Robert Hohri's books into Japanese.

Over the past year, Go has interviewed ex-POW's from Okinawa, atomic bomb survivors and Japanese "braceros" who worked on pre-war California strawberry farms. Go visits California annually to meet with local Nikkei community members to research friends and family members who might have returned to Japan. Recently, Go was referred to a "92 year old kamikaze" pilot who survived the war and will be interviewing him this spring.

Project Omoide adheres to JA Living Legacy's philosophy and does not solicit donations; consequently receiving this large donation from the community demonstrates a commitment to our heritage and a strong belief in the organization's mission to preserve our community's history.

Japanese American Living Legacy is a California nonprofit (501.c.3) organization based out of California State University, Fullerton. All of the board of directors, staff and advisors are volunteers. For more information on Japanese American Living Legacy, please visit their website at www.jalivinglegacy.org or call them at (657) 278-4483.